

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 3, 2016

Please stand at items marked * if you are able.
Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison
Organ Prelude – Hymn and Quiet Reflection

"Be Still and Know that
I am God" (Ps. 46: 10)
**Please take the time before
the service as an opportunity
to quietly prepare your heart
and mind for worship.**

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Kerry McLaughlin

Pianist – Min Yeong Sin Music Director- Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

* Entry of the Bible

Introit

Call to Worship

*Hymn: *"Stand up and bless the Lord"* #411

Opening Prayer:

We come collectively into your presence, oh living God, to seek insight and understanding around the miracle of Easter. It is our heartfelt prayer that you illuminate our hearts and minds on the reality of the victory achieved through the old rugged cross. Oh Shepherd and Overseer of our souls, guide us by your Holy Spirit so that we may worship You in spirit and truth. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: *"Bless Thou the Lord, O my Soul"*

*Children's Hymn: *"Lord, the light of your love is shining"* #376
(last verse to be sung after Children's Time)

Children's Time

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation: #500

Open my eyes that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see:
open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Bible Readings:

Acts 5:27-32	P.123	N.T.
Psalms 150	P.583	O.T.
Revelation 1:4-8	P.245	N.T.
John 20:19-31	P.115	N.T.

Gloria Patri: #594

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Sermon: *"Blessed Are Those Who Believe But Have Not Seen"*

* Hymn: *"All the way my Saviour leads me"* #699

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response: #434 v.5

For each perfect gift of thine,
to the earth so freely given,
graces, human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

Prayer of Dedication:

We ask, our Lord and Saviour, that you receive our gifts, offerings and alms for the work of Your kingdom. Use it according to Your will in our city or abroad since this is our desire. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn: *"One more step along the world I go"* #641

Blessing

Response: #726

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all.
Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.



Upcoming Events at First

Tues. April 5 – More than Mission	-1:00pm
Wed. April 6 – Communion at First Church	-1:00pm
- Choir Practice	-7:00pm
Thurs. April 7 – Bible Study	-10:00am
- Session Meeting	-7:00pm
Fri. April 8 – Crafts and Conversation	-1:00pm
Sun. April 10 – Holy Humour Sunday	-11:00am

Welcome and 'Thank You' to Rev. Kerry McLaughlin, who is filling in for Rev. Susan this morning!

You are welcomed to join us on Wednesday, Apr. 6 at 1pm for a simple communion service and fellowship at the church. This is a great opportunity for those who are not able to regularly attend church, or those who have missed communion recently, to celebrate the Lord's Supper and visit with one another. If transportation is required, please contact Rev. Susan (628-8302) or Bill Burn (577-5839) and it will be arranged.

On **Sunday April 10th**, we will be having an intergenerational **Holy Humour Sunday** service! No greater joy has ever been experienced in history than the joy which entered the world following Jesus' resurrection. God has a sense of humor. God has the last laugh and the last word. That word is Resurrection in Jesus Christ! He is Risen! The joke is on the powers of darkness in this world. Rejoice and be glad!

How to prepare for the service:

- Practice smiling a lot (try looking in the mirror).
- Get those jokes and stories ready to tell.
- Begin rejoicing in God now (no need to wait).
- Try on a few good belly laughs.
- Invite someone who likes to laugh.
- Invite someone who needs to laugh.



Thank you this week to:

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
Lay Reader: Colin Rackham
Fellowship Time: Evelyn Kinsman and Vikki and Ian Kinsman
Elevator Operator: Laird Morrison
Offering Counting: Maybelle Gair, Debbie Linkletter, Maureen Verdone
Offering Collection: R. Brown, J. Nystrom, J. Taylor. B. Seabrook
Visiting/Phoning: Beth Workman

Next week's volunteers: Apr. 10th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
Lay Reader: Richard Noy
Fellowship Time: Muriel Macdonald and Leila Pettigrew
Elevator Operator: Al Irwin
Offering Counting: Lynae Grace and Myrna Grace
Offering Collection: R. Brown, J. Nystrom, J. Taylor. B. Seabrook
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Summer will soon be here and that means Pres-B-Camp! The Presbytery of Superior Summer Camp program will be offering two week-long overnight camps: Junior Camp (July 17-23rd) for children entering grades 3-8 this fall and Senior Camp (August 14-20th) for youth entering grades 9-12 this fall. If you bring a first time camper with you to camp both you and they receive 50% off camp! Interested in volunteering? We have applications for that as well! Those wanting to be junior staff (counsellors-in-training, first time volunteers, junior counsellors, etc.) must at least be entering grade 10 in the fall. Camper registrations and staff applications are now available at the church. Hope to see you this summer!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission purpose is to put our faith into action through mission education, community outreach, and personal and financial support both at home and abroad.



Thank you so much to everyone who donates to the Food Bank.